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**OFFICE OF THE  
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR**

The Honorable Lolo Matalasi Moliga  
Governor of American Samoa  
A.P. Lutali Executive Office Building  
Utulei, Pago Pago, AS 96799

Dear Governor Moliga:

I very much appreciate the time we spent together last week during my visit to American Samoa. Thank you for your hospitality. On behalf of all of us at EPA, I wish to express our deepest condolences to you and your cabinet on the passing of ASEPA Director Ameko Pato. Ameko was a true leader of public health and environmental improvement for all of American Samoa, and built a strong foundation for the next generation of leaders.

I wish to reaffirm my support for our American Samoa EPA colleagues, and look forward to working closely with Fa'amao Asalele and his team. Together, we will continue to make great progress in drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, in ensuring communities have water safe to drink, to and to protect the unique marine resources and coral reefs of American Samoa. Furthermore, I'm confident that with ASEPA's engagement, we can work productively and effectively to address the permitting and compliance issues with your administration and the permittee within the bounds of existing legal requirements.

Again, thank you for the warm welcome I received in American Samoa. I look forward to working with you and ASEPA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael Stoker", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Stoker

Regional Administrator